Monuments in Delhi

334. SHRI R.P. GOENKA: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Archaeological Survey of India has identified the monuments in Delhi which would be brought under the 'umbrella' of two existing world heritage monuments-Humayun's Tomb and Qutab Minar-as per the guidelines indicated by the UNESCO; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the time-bound plan drawn-up to spruce up and conserve these buildings/places and the details of the special assistance received from UNESCO for developing these heritage complexes?

THE MINISTER OF CULTURE (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Protection of Lal Gumbad in Delhi

335. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the protected ancient monument "Lal Gumbad" in New Delhi, is being used as a dumping ground;

(b) whether it is also a fact that polythene bags are dotting the stone, floor and one of the seven graves in the tomb has been converted into a makeshift bed and the gateway to the monument is used by the Jhuggi clusters as a shed for animals at night etc; and

(c) if so, whether Government would look into this to protect the heritage character of this ancient monument?

THE MINISTER OF CULTURE (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY): (a) and (b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Funds to Kerala for various Projects

336. SHRI ABDUL WAHAB PEEVEE: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state the details of the proposals/projects received from the Kerala Government under various schemes of his Ministry and the funds allocated/sanctioned during the last two years, year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF CULTURE (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY): The details of proposals/projects received from Kerala Government and funds sanctioned are as under:

2002-2003

(i) Rs. 2.40 lakhs was sanctioned to Kottarakkara Thampuram Memorial Museum of Classical Art, Kottarakara P.O., Kolam District, Kerala for Modernisation of Museum.

(ii) A proposal was also received from Kerala State Science & Technology Museum, Thiruvananthapuram, but the proposal was not recommended for grant by Expert Committee.

2003-2004

(i) Rs. 1.00 crore was sanctioned to Kerala Government for Construction of Multi-Purpose Cultural Complex at Kerala.

(ii) Rs. 5.00 lakhs was sanctioned to Guru Gopinath Natana Gramam Society, Vattiyoorkvu, Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala for Modernisation of Galleries.

(iii) Rs. 2.00 lakhs was sanctioned to Government of Kerala for organizing 'Seminar on Classical Dance.'

Besides the above, Rs. 15.00 lakhs was provided to support Kudiyattam during 2003-2004.

There are two Manuscript Research Centre in Kerala under the National Manuscripts Mission *viz.* Oriental Manuscripts Library (Kerala University) and Thunchan Memorial Research Centre at Tirur.

Safety of Taj Mahal

337. SHRI LEKHRAJ BACHANI: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the security matters taken by Government for the safety of Taj Mahal;

(b) whether there was a fire near Taj followed by another fire; and

(c) what were the reasons for which these fire could not be prevented?

THE MINISTER OF CULTURE (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY): (a) In compliance with the orders of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India, the Central Industrial Security Force has been deployed for the internal security